

FISCAL NOTE

SB 3370 – HB 3845

February 4, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Mandates procedures, including public notification and hearings, for local government approval of the construction of cellular or other wireless communications towers or antennas on privately owned property.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Gov't. Expenditures* – Exceeds \$302,800

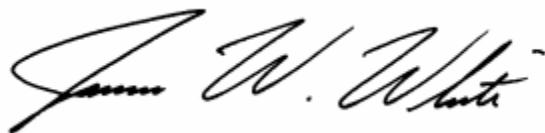
Assumptions:

- The cost to each municipality per tower or antenna is estimated to be \$1,740. This includes \$100 for advertising the public hearing and \$1,640 for postage and material to notify residents by mail. It is estimated the average city would have to notify 2,000 residents who live within one mile of the proposed tower site (2,000 is an estimate from the average of a large city, medium city, and small city), at a cost of \$0.41 for postage and \$0.41 for materials $[(\$0.41 + \$0.41 = \$0.82) \times 2,000 = \$1,640]$.
- At least 174 municipalities will be required to advertise and hold one public hearing and provide notification to residents within one mile each year.
- Local government expenditures will increase at least \$302,800 $(\$1,740 \times 174 = \$302,760)$.

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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